



Preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025 | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Apr 2024

Why in News?

The **Uttar Pradesh government** is working for a grand, divine **Maha Kumbh** scheduled to be held in **2025**.

Key Points

- The state government is preparing great **amenities for visitors** attending the large religious gathering.
 - In addition to **arranging accommodations** in the Kumbh area, **luxury hotels are being constructed** in the city.
- Kumbh Mela comes under [UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- Kumbh Mela is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
 - It takes place on the banks of the **Godavari river in Nashik**, the **Shipra river in Ujjain**, the Ganges in Haridwar, and the confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and the mythical **Saraswati river in Prayagraj**. The confluence is referred to as the 'Sangam'.
- As it is held in four different cities in India, it involves different social and cultural activities, making this a **culturally diverse festival**.
- The **over month-long fair** is marked by the construction of a massive tented township, complete with cottages, huts, platforms, civic facilities, administrative and security measures.
 - It is organized immaculately by the government, the local authorities and the police.
- The mela is especially **renowned for the presence of an extraordinary array of religious ascetics** enticed from remote hideaways in forests, mountains and caves.

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